

Lecture: Sugar: History, Botany, Production, and Processing

Event Date:

Mon, Jan 16, 2017

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Discover the history, botany, production, and processing of sugarcane, sugar beets, and palm sugar. Come trace the movement of this major commodity over thousands of years as it moves from the jungle, fields, and forests to your kitchen table. See how the plant product is transformed and how it transformed countries along the way. Learn about the important roles played by Alexander the Great, Columbus, and Napoleon in sugar production and the special role of Norbert Rillieux (1806-1894), the black American engineer seen by many as the father of the chemical engineering profession.

DATE: Monday, January 16

TIME: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

LOCATION: Conservatory Classroom

FREE: **This program is full**

